

CURRICULAM VITAE

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SUMMARY OF KEY EXPERIENCE

More than 35 years of professional experience in forestry with a focus on forest planning and management including afforestation and reforestation. Expertise in ecosystem-based forest management (forest ecosystem management), working plan preparation, integrated approaches to natural resources management, climate change and REDD+, project preparation, appraisal, monitoring and evaluation. Recently headed a USAID funded Forest-PLUS program. Previously, I worked for nine years as a Senior Forestry Specialist with the World Bank, where I designed and managed forestry projects, and performed policy and institutional capacity assessments for more than seven Indian states, while serving as team leader for World Bank's entire forestry and watershed portfolio in India. Retired from the Indian Forest Service where I held various positions including that of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Head of the Wildlife Department and Chairman of the State Pollution Control Board with the Government of Jammu and Kashmir. Also Served the Ministry of Environment and Forests as the Head of Externally Aided Forestry Projects Division.

EDUCATION:

M.Sc. Forestry and its relation to Land Management: 1985, **University of Oxford**, United Kingdom. AIFC (equivalent to **M.Sc.**), Forestry, Wildlife, Watershed Management, and Soil Conservation, 1977, Indian Forest College, Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, India.
B.Sc. Botany, Zoology and Chemistry, 1969, Agra University, India.

Other Training/Short courses

- REDD+, Conservation Training, 2011; Climate Change, Worldwide Fund for Nature, New Delhi, 1 week, 2005; Climate Change, University of British Columbia (2013): Coursera-MOOC; Forest Policy and Strategy, Tropical Forest Resource Group, Reading, United Kingdom; Forest Management, Colorado State University, USA. Forest Inventory, FRI, Dehra Dun

LANGUAGES: English (fluent), Hindi (fluent), Urdu (native), French (slight)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

October 2013-Present **Honorary Professor**, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, Amity School of Natural Resources and Sustainable Development (ASNRS D).

2015-2017- **Consultant**, Tetra Tech ARD (ForestPlus)-Training curriculum and instructor on ecosystem-based forest management.

2012- 2013. **Chief of Party**, USAID funded Forest-PLUS Program.

June 2006–August 2011,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Jammu and Kashmir State, India.

- **Head of State Forest Department.**
- **Head of Wildlife Department.**
- **Project Chief**, Integrated Watershed Development Project.

2004–2006- **Chairman, Jammu and Kashmir State Pollution Control.**

1995– 2004,-**Senior Forestry Specialist**, The **World Bank**, **New Delhi, India.**

1991–1995, **Deputy Inspector General of Forests**, Head of Externally Aided Forestry Projects Division, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, New Delhi, India.

1989–1990, **Director**, Department of Rural Development (Afforestation), Government of Jammu and Kashmir, India.

October 1988–September 1989 and May 1990–March 1991, **Special Secretary, Department of Forests, Environment and Fisheries, Government of Jammu and Kashmir**

1975-1987, various positions in the Indian Forest Service.

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- Forest Governance and Sustainable Resource Management (2019) Sage Publications, New Delhi. pp 248
- Wastelands Afforestation: techniques and systems (1987) Oxford & IBH Publishing Co. New Delhi pp 176.
- Vanishing Forests: (2008) Govt. of J&K Forest Department, Srinagar. pp52.